

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
AUGUST 20, 1992**

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges met on Thursday, August 20, 1992, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 507 of the Education and Research Center, Jackson, Mississippi.

Members Present: Alton Bankston, Jeannet Boston, Paul Breazeale, Bob Breeden, Amos Bridges, Lanny Monroe, Perrin Purvis, Nell Rogers, and George Walker.

Member Absent: Barbara Ricks

Staff Attending: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Bill Bunch, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Dr. Walter Howell, Eloise Johnson, Rozelia Harris, Ric Youngblood, Bill Box, and Mac McClellan.

Guest Attending: Bernice Wiley, Worth Haynes, Vocational/Technical Division, State Department of Education, Cathy Hayden, Clarion Ledger, Donna Meeler, Mississippi Community and Junior College Faculty Association, Dr. Eddie Smith, President of East Central Community College, and Dr. Ted Alexander, President of Pearl River Community College.

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Lanny Monroe, State Board for Community and Junior Colleges' Chairman at 10:00 a.m.

II. **Preliminaries:**

- A. Invocation: The invocation was given by Dr. Olon Ray.
- B. Acknowledgments/Introductions:
 - 1. Chairman Monroe recognized the following guests: Bernice Wiley, Worth Haynes, Cathy Hayden, Donna Meeler, Dr. Eddie Smith, and Dr. Ted Alexander.
- C. Approval of Minutes: Perrin Purvis made a motion, seconded by Nell Rogers, that the SBCJC approve the July 17, 1992, minutes as mailed to the Board members. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Approval of Agenda: On a motion by George Walker, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the SBCJC adopted the amended agenda which moved IV. Item E (EdNet Report) to IV. Item A. Motion passed unanimously.

III. **Executive Director's Report:**

- A. Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, reported on the following items:
 - 1. Hour of Educational Accountability - Invitations and response cards were presented to all Board members. The meeting is scheduled for September 29, 1992, at the Jackson City Auditorium.
 - 2. Executive Director's Travel Schedule:
 - a. September 3 - "Firing Line" TV program taping, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi.
 - b. September 7 - SBCJC offices closed for Labor Day Holiday.
 - c. September 9-11 - Consortium on Manufacturing, Memphis, Tennessee.
 - d. September 25 - Lamplighter Faculty Development program, Meridian Community College.
 - e. September 26 - Program speaker, Educational Symposium, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana.

- f. September 29 - Hour of Accountability Education Symposium, Jackson, Mississippi.
3. Community/Junior College Education Enhancement Fund FY 93 - A handout was distributed to all Board members showing how each college planned to spend its pro rata share of the 15 million dollar state appropriation. (Exhibit A)
4. State Rates for Lodging in Mississippi - A list of lodgings in Mississippi which offer state rates and amounts was distributed. Dr. Ray encouraged Board members to use lodgings which offered these state rates. Individual Board members should identify themselves and request state rates when making reservations. (Exhibit B)
5. The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges' budget hearing with the Joint Legislative Budget Committee is scheduled for September 15, 1992, at 3:00 p.m., in the Professional Building on President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.
6. Addendum to Mississippi State Plan for Vocational and Applied Technology, to receive and distribute funds made available under Title III, F. - Dr. Ray distributed a copy of the Addendum to all Board members present. The Addendum listed amounts calculated to distribute Title III, F funds using the funding formula. (Exhibit C)
7. SBCJC Board Minutes - Dr. Ray informed the Board that Mr. R. L. "Mac" McClellan will be assuming the responsibility for recording and distributing the Board minutes beginning with the August 20, 1992, meeting. Mr. McClellan will be assisted by staff members in preparing the minutes.

IV. Reports/Action:

- A. EdNet - Paul Breazeale reported on the following items:
 1. Overview of current status of EdNet Board actions.
 2. Visit to existing wireless video/audio system in Orlando, Florida by EdNet Board members.
 3. Paul Breazeale has been re-elected to serve as Finance Committee Chairman for the EdNet Board.
 4. MAX Communications, the private partner with the EdNet Board has presented a proposal which requests a review of the capital funds requirements in the original agreement with the EdNet Board.
 5. 501(C)(3) tax exempt status of EdNet has been approved.
 6. Advisory committees for curricula and technical assistance are being formed to assist the EdNet Board.
 7. EdNet financial statement - A copy of expenditures and receipts from the EdNet Board was distributed to all Board members present. (Exhibit D)
 8. Support funds from constituents involved in EdNet were discussed by the EdNet Board to consider and request to retain for use by EdNet Board.
- B. MACJC - Dr. Eddie Smith, MACJC Chairman, reported on the following:
 1. MACJC has not met since the last SBCJC Board meeting.
 2. Hour of Educational Accountability Program is scheduled to be held at the Jackson City Auditorium, September 29, 1992. Leslie Johnson, Superintendent of Hinds County Schools, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.
 3. USDA Rural Health Grant - The MACJC and Mississippi Farm Bureau have a two million dollar (\$2,000,000) grant proposal before the USDA for rural health improvements in Mississippi. Part of the grant funds would be used for scholarships for allied health worker training. The MACJC has information that the grant has been approved but an official announcement is being withheld pending notification by the USDA. (Exhibit E)

4. MACJC Student Athlete Release Policy - The MACJC has adopted a release policy for Mississippi students who are not offered an opportunity to participate in athletics in their home district. The policy was developed to facilitate the release of students from the CJC district where they reside to participate at another MACJC College of their choosing. It does not permit any MACJC College to recruit in any other college's district but does allow individual students the opportunity to participate in athletics at a CJC separate and apart from where they presently reside. This policy was developed to assist individuals who may have previous ties to a specific CJC or community.
- C. Standing Committees
1. Finance Committee
 - a. Finance Committee Chairman, Jeannet Boston, reported on the following:
 1. Itawamba Community College's Request for Advancement of State Appropriated Funds for FY 93 - Jeannet Boston made a motion, seconded by George Walker, that the SBCJC grant the request of Itawamba Community College for an advancement of FY 93 state appropriated funds in the amount of \$800,000. Motion passed unanimously. (Exhibit F)
 2. September Disbursements of Funds - Jeannet Boston made a motion, seconded by George Walker, that the SBCJC approve the September disbursement from Aid to Colleges - Fund 2298, in the amount of \$800,000, presented by the Finance Director. Motion passed unanimously. (Exhibit G)
 3. Education Enhancement Fund Update - No action required by the Board.
 4. New Employees of the SBCJC - By name, position, salary, and date of employment. Jeannet Boston made a motion, seconded by Perrin Purvis, that the SBCJC endorse the employment and salary actions taken by the Executive Director. Motion passed unanimously. (Exhibit H) A directory of all SBCJC employees was requested to be provided to SBCJC members.
 5. Bimonthly Capital Improvements Report - Jeannet Boston made a motion, seconded by Bob Breeden, the SBCJC approve the capital improvement report as presented by the staff. Approved was a budget amendment that increased Hinds Community College's SB3192 Bond Project #205-18 budget from \$268,149.09 to \$283,076.66. The amount was transferred from Project #205-17 Bond Fund to cover change order #1. Motion passed unanimously. (Exhibit I)
 6. Travel Updates - no action needed.
 7. Coahoma Community College Report - Jeannet Boston made a motion, seconded by George Walker, that the chairman of the SBCJC be directed to draft a letter of commendation to the Coahoma Community College Board of Trustees, Vivian Presley, President of Coahoma Community College, and Dr. J. T. Hall, Consultant. And that the Coahoma Board of Trustees be served notice that monthly status reports are no longer required to be submitted to the SBCJC, effective August 20, 1992. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Other Business - All 17 MBR-Budget Request required by this agency and the community colleges have been submitted to the proper agencies. SBCJC Board members who wish to receive copies of any or all budgets, may contact Deborah Gilbert, SBCJC Director of Finance.
- b. Planning Committee - Alton Bankston reported on the following items:
 1. Asbestos Abatement - \$500,000 in state funds will be distributed to eligible community and junior colleges. A report was given to Board members on the requests for Asbestos Abatement funding and method of fund allocations. (Exhibit J)
 2. September Meeting of SBCJC - Holmes Community College has issued an invitation to host the SBCJC meeting in September.

Amos Bridges entered the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

The SBCJC on a motion by Amos Bridges, and seconded by George Walker agreed to accept Holmes Community College's letter of invitation to host the SBCJC meeting which will be scheduled for September 30, 1992, at its Goodman Campus. Motion passed unanimously. Please note that this is a change in the regular meeting date of the third Thursday of each month. This change in date was agreed upon by the Board in order to allow the Board members to attend the Hour of Educational Accountability Education Symposium, scheduled for September 29, in Jackson, Mississippi.

Jeannet Boston made a motion, seconded by Perrin Purvis, that the SBCJC also accept the invitation from Northwest Mississippi Community College to serve as host for the SBCJC November 19, 1992, meeting in Senatobia. Motion passed unanimously. Board members will be informed as to local arrangements for the September and November meetings.

3. Vocational-Technical Standards and Measures - Jeannet Boston made a motion, seconded by Bob Breeden, that the SBCJC chairman draft a request to the State Board of Education to reconsider action taken on Vocational-Technical Standards and Measures at their July meeting. This request is due to earlier commitments by the SBCJC and the State Department of Education which authorized a process whereby measures would require the approval of both Boards prior to implementation. Motion passed unanimously. A copy will be distributed to all SBCJC Board members and one will be on file in the state office.
 4. No action on Hinds Community College's request for changing the status for Vicksburg/Warren branch, due to the fact that current SBCJC criteria for a request in change of status for a community/junior college campus is not currently being met by Hinds Vicksburg/Warren branch.
- D. New Personnel/New Programs - Dr. Olon Ray introduced new SBCJC staff members and requested each to give a brief overview of their specific job responsibility and programs they supervise. New SBCJC Staff:
- Ric Youngblood, Accountant
 - Rozelia Harris, Director of Proprietary School and College Registration
 - Bill Box, Director of GED
 - Eloise Johnson, Director of Adult Literacy

Dr. Walter Howell, Director of Skills Enhancement Programs
Annie Blakeley, Secretary, Adult Literacy
Pat Davenport, Secretary, GED
Becky Cade, Grants Director (this staff member will come on board September 1, 1992.)

Dr. Walter Howell, Eloise Johnson, and Bill Box distributed handouts to all Board members present. The handouts contained written overviews and the responsibilities for each specific program. (Exhibit K)

- E. Workforce Taskforce Report - George Walker reported on the following:
 - 1. Taskforce members are to be recruited from business, industry, education, and strategic geographic locations in Mississippi.
- F. Travel Authorization - SBCJC authorized payment of the following vouchers as presented for reimbursement:

EdNet Meeting, August 14, 1992 - Mr. Paul Breazeale.


Jeannet Boston made a motion, seconded by Bob Breeden, the SBCJC Director of Finance be authorized to pay reimbursement expenses to Mr. Paul Breazeale for the August 14, EdNet Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

- G. Other Business - Dr. Ted Alexander reported on the following:
 - 1. Pearl River Community College Allied Health Center opening at the Hattiesburg Campus.
 - 2. Geographic Information System Program is being developed by NASA at Pearl River Community College in accordance with a memorandum of understanding established by the SBCJC. The GIS Program will be a pilot program leading to an associate degree for students enrolled. George Walker made a motion, seconded by Nell Rogers, that the SBCJC enthusiastically endorses and approve the GSI Training Program to be conducted by Pearl River Community College and NASA. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Lanny Monroe adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m., August 20, 1992.


Lanny Monroe, Chairman


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Executive Director